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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to the previous day. The market tone mixed, but mostly steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate, at times fairly good where limited features were active. Supplies were in balance to adequate for mediums and extra large and sufficient to available for large eggs. Breaking stock offerings were short to adequate for the light to good demand. Spent hens were about sufficient for the moderate to good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents lower for large. All other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Cartoned egg demand was light to at times fairly good where features were in progress. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were in balance to close for jumbo, extra large, and medium and were adequate to available for large.

	Range	Mostly	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	45-55	46-52				
LARGE	44-54	45-48				
MEDIUM	22-32	24-27				
			LARGE	24-33	28	
			MEDIUM	7-12	10	
			SMALL	5-7		

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mixed, but reported as mostly steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to fair. Supplies were adequate to available for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were barely sufficient to sufficient with producers limiting sales to regular commitments. Demand was fair to good. Schedules were noted as usually normal. Spent hens were about adequate for a moderate to good demand. Slaughter schedules were normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	56-73	59
LARGE	50-64	55-59
MEDIUM	24-37	29-31

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was moderate to instances fairly good where features were in progress. Distributive movement was light to moderate. Supplies were in balance to tight for jumbo, adequate to barley adequate for extra large and medium, and adequate to available for large. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings continued tight to short of needs. Demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks in close balance to adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	57.5-66	59-62
LARGE	53.5-62	55-58
MEDIUM	28.5-37	30-33

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on medium. Trade sentiment was barely steady to steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to adequate for the fair to good demand. Breaking schedules were reported as mostly normal. Light type hens were about sufficient for the moderate to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55.5-63	57-60
LARGE	54-61	55-58
MEDIUM	26.25-34	27-31

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous report. Trade sentiment was mixed entering the weekend, but mostly steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for full trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	61-65
LARGE	59-63
MEDIUM	36-40

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	52-61	54-58
LARGE	51-60	52-54
MEDIUM	29-38	32-34

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WESTERN REGIONAL Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady on jumbo and extra large with asking prices for next week unchanged. Large were weak with asking prices 3 cents lower. Medium were firm with asking prices 1 cent higher. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady on jumbo and extra large with asking prices for next week unchanged, weak on large with asking prices 3 cents lower, and firm on medium and small with asking prices 1 cent higher. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings fully adequate. Small benchmark price 45.

CALIFORNIA California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	114
EXTRA LARGE	100
LARGE	88
MEDIUM	65

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	79-103
EXTRA LARGE	77-88
LARGE	75-78
MEDIUM	52-55

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	259-309
EXTRA LARGE	219-289
LARGE	199-229
MEDIUM	179-199

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK All prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate as many breakers take a wait and see attitude and await further shell egg availability and market developments for early next week. Offerings continued tight to short of needs. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	25-28	28
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	14-18	14-16
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were 1 to 2 cents higher when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady at prevailing price levels. Offerings were barely adequate to adequate with producers limiting sales to regular commitments. Overall, floorstocks were short in some areas to generally about sufficient in others locations. Breaking schedules were reported as usually normal. Demand was fair to good. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 23-Jul-2005 were 3 percent less than a week earlier, and 4 percent less than a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	23-28	25-27
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	12-20	14-17
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 23-JUL-05 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,324,350	30,516	13,230	7,109	2,695	4,480
PW	1,362,270	31,416	13,196	7,015	3,362	4,571
LY	1,258,892	31,278	11,213	5,795	2,875	4,295
% CHG PW	-3%	-3%	0%	1%	-20%	-2%
% CHG LY	5%	-2%	18%	23%	-6%	4%
2005	37,686,359	886,835	374,721	200,908	85,289	128,235
2004	35,265,565	836,990	338,809	185,905	80,870	120,958
% CHG YTD	7%	6%	11%	8%	5%	6%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	41.78	41.25	41.77
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	38.40	37.90	38.36

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

	Cases Broken		Liquid whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	540,330	40.8%	13,551	44.4%
PREVIOUS WEEK	549,876	40.4%	13,676	43.5%
LAST YEAR	483,852	38.4%	12,715	40.7%

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 1 cent higher on whole, unchanged on whites and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 7/23 was 1% less than the previous week. Frozen demand fair with freezer stocks adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	RANGE
WHOLE	40-43
WHITES	36-39
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	63-66
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-64

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher with whites unchanged. Sugared yolk ranged unchanged to 2 cents higher with salted yolk 1 cent higher. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for frozen whole egg and salted yolk with the balance of products steady. Demand was reported as seasonally fair with offerings adequate for current needs. Central States breaking stock prices were higher when compared to the past week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	RANGE	MOSTLY
TRUCKLOTS		
WHOLE	33-37	34-36
WHITES	29-32	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-61	59
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-57	55-56

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were unchanged on whites and sugar yolks, and one cent higher on whole and salt yolks when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading was light with traders continuing to watch further market developments. However, overall interest has shown some improvement. Offerings were adequate for trade needs. Trade sentiment was generally steady on whites, balance of items were at least fully steady. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 23-Jul-2005 were 20% more than the previous week, and 3% above a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	TRUCKLOTS	(MIN. 25 CONT.)	LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	32-37	34-37	41-45
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		55-70
WHITES	28-34	29-33	36-47
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-61	56-59	63-67
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	51.5-58	55-57	59-65

(/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices were unchanged to slightly lower on albumen, balance of items were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trading improved on whole, but light to fair on albumen. Movement was still light on yolks. Offerings were sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was about steady but steadier on albumen, steady to full steady on whole, and at least steady on yolks. Overall, trade sentiment improved. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 23-Jul-2005 were 20% less than the previous week, and 6% lower than last year. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were 5% above a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, Trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	1.23-1.45	MOSTLY	1.25-1.35
YOLKS	1.26-1.45	MOSTLY	1.35-1.45
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	1.95-2.20	MOSTLY	2.00-2.10
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.20-1.55	MOSTLY	1.20-1.30

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 45 to 47 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg with a firm undertone at current reported prices. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for whites and yolk. Demand was good for whole egg and whites and fairly good for yolk. Offerings were adequate to short of full needs for whole egg and whites and adequate for yolk. A few breakers unable to purchase additional breaking stock had resorted to purchasing whole egg at premium prices. Central states breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LW
WHOLE	12	25-29.5	27.29	2.32
WHITES	10	13	13.00	.00
YOLKS	8	51-52.5	51.44	.13

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 22, 2005-JULY 28, 2005

CURRENT LOADS							82.00	FUTURE LOADS			31.50	TOTAL LOADS			113.50
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	34.67	—	34.00	36.20	36.00	—	10.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	46.50	4.00
GNR W 2	—	—	34.50	36.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	61.00	.25
GL W J	—	—	62.00	63.00	50.00	54.00	3.25	GL W XL	43.88	52.00	—	58.50	—	54.27	15.00
GL W XL	—	49.00	47.20	48.73	43.23	—	29.25	GL W LG	35.60	38.67	—	54.32	—	44.82	20.00
GL W LG	—	46.40	38.00	40.00	35.50	—	23.00	GL W MD	23.31	24.00	—	31.25	—	30.83	8.75
GL W MD	23.00	18.00	25.00	—	20.93	22.31	17.00	GL W SM	13.00	—	—	—	—	18.00	1.00
GL W SM	17.50	19.00	13.75	16.00	—	—	4.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL BR LG	—	42.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 42	—	14.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	30.00	26.08	27.77	20.00								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	24.00	3.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	23.00	2.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	19.00	2.00								
NRBS - 36	—	—	13.00	15.00	—	—	1.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL

WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority prices were lower when compared to a week ago. Demand was moderate to good. Offerings of spent hens were about adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was unsettled.

RANGE	MAJORITY
2-10	5-9

REMOVAL COST

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate to good for usually about adequate offerings. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair, but buyers were unaggressive. Trade sentiment was some what unsettled.

RANGE	MAJORITY
TOO FEW TO REPORT	

REMOVAL COST

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs were unchanged. Demand was fair to good with offerings of unbooked spent hens tight. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE	MAJORITY
5-8.5	

REMOVAL COST

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings adequate.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on light canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair at best and generally unaggressive for light canners; heavy canners were mostly fair with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The undertone was steady to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
23-31 MAJORITY 25.5-26.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
24-33 MAJORITY 27-28	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 23-JUL-05**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,442	1,558	3,000
Last Week	1,431	1,543	2,974
Same week yr ago	1,438	1,484	2,922
To-date/2005	44,579	40,270	84,849
To-date/2004	39,110	37,899	77,009

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	308	0	308
Last Week	191	0	191
Same week yr ago	336	0	336
To-date/2005	7,906	33	7,939
To-date/2004	7,147	90	7,237

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,750	1,558	3,308
Last Week	1,622	1,543	3,165
Same week yr ago	1,774	1,484	3,258
To-date/2005	52,485	40,303	92,788
To-date/2004	46,257	37,989	84,246

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL JULY 29, 2005

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	59.00	57.00	30.00
SOUTHEAST	58.50	56.50	29.00
MIDWEST	49.00	46.50	25.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	60.50	56.50	31.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	56.91	54.20	29.12

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending July 16, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	285	456	7,190	7,340
Frozen	0	0	21	11
Dried	36	40	243	427
Total	321	496	7,454	7,778

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending July 16, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	154	328	2,934	4,058
Frozen	3	0	424	1,048
Dried	0	0	346	1,647
Total	157	328	3,704	6,753

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending July 16, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Jumbo	0	0	100	254
Extra Large	0	10,940	48,660	82,226
Large	0	20,640	84,164	191,991
Medium	0	5,838	45,005	61,842
Ungraded	0	3,096	60,434	170,250
Misc	0	780	5,053	15,230
Total	0	41,294	243,416	521,793

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

W/E 23-Jul-2005

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
North Atlantic	243.3	2	1
East North Central	593.2	0	23
West North Central	279.3	-2	-1
South Atlantic	197.7	-2	-4
South Central	60.9	-3	-13
West	213.3	9	15
Total	1587.7	1	8

Matched Plants reporting

Previous week 86

Last year 85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
 East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
 South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
 West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)	LW	Percent Change	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	25.3	27.5	-8	-10
Boston	3.1	3.4	-9	-14
Chicago	67.2	73.1	-8	12
Detroit	28.7	23.3	23	1
Kansas City	5.5	5.2	6	-5
Los Angeles	115.3	120.6	-4	29
New Orleans	4.8	5.0	-4	-47
New York	28.5	28.8	-1	-2
St. Louis	16.4	17.1	-4	19
San Francisco	18.2	18.0	1	-3
Total	313.0	322.0	-3	9
4 Week Moving Avg.	325.1			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

July 26, 2005

Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	07/25/05	3,556	118,057	46,396
AM	07/01/05	3,418	116,948	47,021
CHG		138	1109	-625
PCT CHG		4%	1%	-1%

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	109 -	102 -	65 -	43 -
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	102-106 104-105	95-99 97-98	58-62 60-61	36-40 38-39
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	108-112 108	101-105 101	64-68 64	42-46 42
VERMONT MOSTLY	109-110 109	102-105 102	65-75 65	- -

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